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Filing Date	December 21, 2000
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Art Unit	2654
Examiner Name	Nolan, Daniel A.
Attorney Docket Number	04150011AA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Petition for a one month extension of time

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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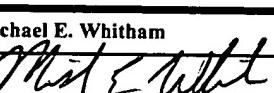
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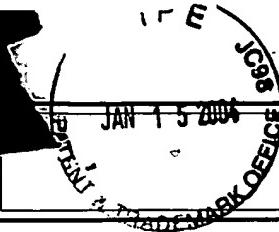
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In Re Application Of: H. Yamaji

Serial No.
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Examiner
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Group Art Unit
6402

Title: Audio Playback/Recording Apparatus

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Amendment 1.114

Petition for 1 month extension of time with check \$110

in the above identified application.

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